

BURGESS FOULKE HOUSE
26 North Main Street
Quakertown
Bucks County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Bucks	TOWN OR VICINITY Quakertown
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) BURGESS FOULKE HOUSE		HABS NO. PA-5594
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 26 North Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1812 (National Register form)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Erected by Edward Foulke, it was the home of the first burgess of the Borough of Quakertown and the family homestead for the prominent Foulke family. It is an excellent example of early English Quaker design, one of the few pure examples extant.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early English Quaker		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) local fieldstone, rubble with quioning		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangularly-shaped, two-story, five-bay-by-two-bay measuring 34' x 27'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE rubble stone walls with quioning, dentiled cornice, entry recessed with transom and paneled reveals and flanked with pilasters, paneled shutters		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) stairway (simple vernacular) rises to third floor, parlor with Federal mantel and built-in cupboard with arched doors, kitchen with cook fireplace with crane with a candle cupboard to east of it, pay drawer under east window, bedroom with fireplace & built-in closet		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES moved to present site in August 1974.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE good condition, headquarters and museum for Quakertown Historical Society		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE other interior features: chair rails and stair rails are of handcrafted local walnut, paneled cross-and-open-bible doors, random width oak floors		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places Inventory-- Nomination form, prepared by Blake H. Eisenhart, July 1977		
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